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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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AMBASSADOR FROM NAAS

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS

1. IN YOUR CONVERSATION RE BILL BUTLER'S ACTIVITIES SINCE HIS AUDIENCE, YOU SHOULD ASSURE KHALATBARY THAT BUTLER HAS QUIETLY INFORMED ORGANIZATIONSAND INDIVIDUALS PROMINENT IN HUMAN RIGHTS OF STEPS IRAN HAS TAKEN. (I HAVE RECEIVED FEEDBACK FROM SEVERAL SUCH PEOPLE.) HE HAS BELIEVED THAT THIS IS BEST METHOD AND THE ONE MOST SUITABLE FOR OFFICIAL OF ICJ.

2. HE ALSO SENT FOLLOWING LETTER TO REPRESENTATIVE FRASER AND IT APPEARS THAT STATE MAY TESTIFY OCTOBER 26:

BEGIN TEXT: JOHN INFORMED ME IN THE LAST FEW DAYS OF THE FACT THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE COULD NOT TAKE TESTIMONY ON
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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS PERTAINING TO IRAN.

I AM PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BECAUSE OF MY FIRM CONVICTION THAT WHEN A COUNTRY HAS RESPONDED IN A MEANINGFUL WAY TO THE WORK OF A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION, IT IS EXTREME-LY IMPORTANT TO RECORD THIS RESPONSE, BOTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING THE MATTER ON A PUBLIC RECORD AND FOR

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THE PURPOSE OF INSURING COMPLIANCE WITH ANY AGREEMENTS WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN MADE.

THE IRANIAN SITUATION IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, RECENTLY HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY HAS INVITED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ICRC, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND THE ICJ TO IRAN FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE POSSIBILITY OF AMENDMENTS TO IRANIAN LAW PERTAINING TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF IRANIAN CITIZENS.

SO FAR WE ARE CONVINCED THAT FOR THE LAST TEN MONTHS THERE HAS BEEN NO EVIDENCE OF TORTURE AND AN INVESTIGATION OF ALL THE IRANIAN PRISONS BY THE ICRC IN-DICATES THAT THEY ARE HOLDING 3900 PRISONERS FOR ACTS AND EXPRESSIONS RELATING TO POLITICAL MATTERS.

DURING MY AUDIENCE WITH HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY ON MONDAY, MAY 29, 1977, I DELIVERED TO HIM THE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM BY ME AS CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE AGREEMENTS MADE BETWEEN US ON THAT DATE HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED AS IS INDICATED BY THE COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO ME FROM THE IMPERIAL COURT, DATED JULY 4, 1977, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO.

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JUST RECENTLY, AMBASSADOR WILLIAM SULLIVAN, IN A COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO ME DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 1977, CONFIRMED THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND REQUESTED ME TO INDICATE TO HIM WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE FURTHER PLANS TO PURSUE THIS MATTER.

FURTHERMORE, CHARLES NAAS ON THE IRANIAN DESK OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, HAS INDICATED TO JOHN THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO TESTIFY TO ITS KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS AND DETAILS SUPPORTING THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

I UNDERSTAND HOW BUSY YOU MUST BE, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO URGE UPON YOU TO CONSIDER MY REQUEST SINCE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS NOT ONLY IN IRAN, BUT IN THE PHILIPPINES AND OTHER AREAS SHOULD BE MADE PUBLIC IF WE ARE TO PURSUE, DEVELOP AND NURTURE COUNTRIES TO INSTIGATE THE REFORMS WHICH WE ARE ALL URGING IN OUR VARIOUS WAYS.

WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS, END TEXT.

3. I NOTE THAT LETTER REFERS TO ICRC FINDING OF 3900 "POLITICAL PRISONERS." RECENTLY KHALATBARY USED

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TRADITIONAL FIGURE OF 3000 WITH 1000 RELEASED OR TO BE RELEASED SOON; IMPLICATION WAS THAT TOTAL WILL BE AROUND 2000. COULD YOU CLARIFY THESE DISCREPANCIES FOR USE IN TESTIMONY AND IN BRIEFING MATERIALS WE ARE PREPARING?

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